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Dear Jim:

On Thursday January 4, 1996, I visited with The Broward County Council of Professional Firefighters, they have 1700 members, thirty members were in attendance. We discussed the FDA regulation of tobacco and how it affects union members, we also discussed clean indoor air quality and fair taxes.

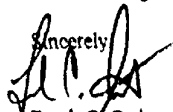
ON Wednesday January 17, I visited the Broward Teachers union, they have 5000 members and there are 3000 more who are not members but are in the bargaining unit. There were shop stewards and representatives in attendance totaling 200. We discussed the impact of the FDA regulation of tobacco, fair taxes, safe indoor air quality.

On January 4, 1996, I talked with Congressman Peter Deutsch 20CD-D and his A/A Jim Smith regarding the FDA regulation of tobacco. Congressman Deutsch assured me that he would not sign the pledge " A Commitment To Our children" and he pledged his support for HIR 2414.

On January 4, 1996, I talked to Congressman Alcee Hastings 23 CD-D, who assured me that he would not sign the pledge and would support HR 2414.

ON January 29, I talked to Barbara Toffling of Congressman Sam Gibbon's office, she told me that the Congressman would not sign the pledge but would get back to me about support for HR 2414.

I am working the Bills in Tallahassee on enforcement of sale to minors and other smoking related legislation, I will keep you advised.

Sincerely

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